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1. FOR USDOC/MEPD. IN PAST FEW DAYS MINISTER OF PUBLIC WORKS AND PRESIDENT LAUGERUD HAVE BEEN REPORTED IN LOCAL PRESS AS HAVING MADE COMMENTS THAT INDICATE THAT GOVERNMENT HAS NO, REPEAT NO, INTENTION OF APPROVING CONSTRUCTION OF PORT AT CHAMPERICO. MINISTER ARGUEDAS WAS REPORTED TO HAVE SAID THAT MINISTRY FAVORS PORT AT SAN JOSE, THAT THE CHAMPERICO PLANS ARE INADEQUATE AND PRICE UNDERESTIMATED. PRESIDENT LAUGERUD REPORTEDLY SAID THAT AS FAR AS CHAMPERICO WAS CONCERNED, IT WOULD BE NECESSARY TO CARRY OUT FURTHER STUDIES, E.G. 12 MONTH STUDY OF WAVE ACTION RATHER THA SIX THAT WAS DONE.

2. THESE STATEMENTS FOLLOW PASSAGE BY CONGRESS JUNE 8 OF DECREE 30-78 AUTHORIZING EXECUTIVE TO CONTRACT \$55 MILLION LOAN TO BUILD PORT AT CHAMPERICO. PRESIDENT LAUGERUD TO OUR KNOWLEDGE HAS NOT SIGNED DECREE. EVEN IN EVENT THAT HE SHOULD, DECREE AUTHORIZES EXECUTIVE TO CARRY OUT FURTHER STUDIES AS NECESSARY TO AVOID FUTURE PROBLEMS,
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WHICH COULD BE USED TO PUT OFF ANY DECISION ON CONSTRUCTION.

3. OUR GUESS IS THAT NE ADMINISTRATION TAKING OFFICE JULY 1 WILL BEGIN STUDYING AFRESH QUESTION OF BEST SITE FOR PACIFIC PORT, JUST AS HAS HAPPENED IN THIS AND PREVIOUS ADMINISTRATION.
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